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**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**

**CAV President's  
Report 2020-2021**



*Dohajydh da ow howethow ker ha meur ras a'n dynnargh kuv na. Pur lowen ov vy bos omma yn Oakleigh avel Lywydh an Kowethas Gernewek a Vuthekka. Enor meur yw ragov vy ow honen. Hevlana re beu bledhen pur gales rag pubonan ha res veu dhe Kowethas Gernewek a Vuthekka chanjya rag mos yn rag gans hy ober. Kepar ha lies kowethas yth esen ni ow kul devnydh a Zoom rag kuntellesow. Gans gorhemmyadow, gwren ni gwaytya hevelena y fydh possybyl omguntel warbarth ha y fydh bewnans dehwelys dhe batron moy normal. Kemmer with pubonan ha meur ras dhywgh hwi oll.*

*With apologies for bad grammar and pronunciation, what I said in our ancient Cornish language was: Good afternoon my dear friends and thank you for that warm welcome. I am very pleased to be here in Oakleigh as President of the Cornish Association of Victoria. It is a great honour personally. This year has been a difficult one for everyone and the Cornish Association of Victoria has had to adapt to be able to continue its work. Like many organisations we have been using Zoom for our meetings. With best wishes let us hope that this year will see us able to gather together and life will by then have returned to a more normal pattern. Take care everyone and thank you all.*

Now, I want to thank all members of the CAV for their

support in what has been a difficult twelve months. You will recall that our last Annual General Meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 via 'Zoom'. Once again, we were supposed to be meeting in person today, at Oakleigh, for our 2021 AGM. As you know our hopes were dashed, as a snap lockdown was called once again. We must count our blessings and be thankful that some of us could meet in this way.

I note that there are more than forty of us here today, which is excellent attendance for an AGM. I especially want to thank our members for sticking with us in the difficult periods of these lockdowns.

Yes, we met in May this year face to face, which was the first time we had met together since February 2020.

It was a great meeting. Sadly, we had to miss our June meeting at Oakleigh, as a result of restrictions. However, I'm proud that you have expressed a strong desire to stay with us; you enjoy our Newsletter and so many of you look forward to our COVID-normal meetings resuming combined with the new 'Zoom' technology. Let's hope we can resume our face-to-face meetings in August.

We understand the difficult situation that most of Eastern Australia is currently in as almost twelve million Australians are currently in lockdown. Rather than every man and woman being for themselves, I think we must shrug our shoulders like our Cornish ancestors did and stand: 'Onan hag Oll': 'One and All'.

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### Fees:

Annual renewal notices have  
been sent to all members.

### Membership:

Single: \$40.00

Family: \$60.00

Life Single: \$400.00

Life Family: \$600.00



**Saturday 21st August at 1.30 pm** - the speaker will be Helen Morgan and her topic: The Blewetts of Penzance, builders, and their disastrous encounter with 'Marvellous Melbourne', 1850s to 1890s: Filling in the gaps

**Saturday 18th September at 1.30 pm** - TBC

**Saturday 16th October at 1.30 pm** - TBC



### PASTY DRIVE

Marcus Curnow is offering free delivery of traditional Cornish Oggies to the gathered in person at the CAV meeting on 21st August or he can home deliver in Melbourne region for \$11 on the same day.

You can look at the Aussie Oggie (<https://aussieoggie.com/>) online shopping menu and order there or for a CAV discount for Traditional Cornish Pasties (\$7 rather than \$8) contact Marcus.

If you are interested please send Marcus a text no later than **Tuesday 17th August 4.00 pm**.

Marcus's number is: 0421 076 804



### Pastoral Care

If you know of someone who is unwell, celebrating a special birthday or just needs a cheery greeting, please let Evelyn Jones know the details so she can be in touch.

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### CAV NEWSLETTER

The CAV Newsletter is published in February, May, August & November and distributed via email and in some cases by mail.

If you have an email address, please consider having your newsletter emailed.

For distribution contact  
The Secretary.

Deadline for contributions for the next issue:

**Saturday 16th October 2021**

Articles for inclusion are welcome at any time but **must be received by the deadline date**.

Please use plain text font size 12, without formatting.

Photos and tables should be included separately - not as part of a document.

Acknowledgment of source is required.

The email address for the CAV Newsletter -

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Please mark - Article for CAV Newsletter.

At the AGM in October last year, I set out a vision for our Cornish Association.

Firstly, I proposed that even when we can meet again face-to-face, we should plan to hold meetings on 'Zoom' at the same time. I said that this was a way of involving many more of our members, especially those who cannot attend our meetings in Melbourne.

I believed back then that this was an exciting and fantastic prospect for us, ensuring the future of the Association for many years to come. I still hold to that vision.

We were confident of the technology today had we been able to meet, and we are doubly confident of sustaining this at our next meeting in August.

I also foreshadowed the CAV Library being moved to Castlemaine to be curated by the Castlemaine Historical Society.

We achieved this on May 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

I also said it was our plan to have enough material for the 'Agan Kernow' project for the CAV to send to a publisher as a book or an anthology of stories about 'Our Cornwall'.

I can report that the book is in its final stage of editing from our end, and you will hear some of the shorter stories from the book this afternoon after the formal AGM proceedings have concluded. It's exciting times.

If we look back on the last little while, we recall, that we met on 'Zoom' on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2020. CAV Committee member Jill Beard entertained us with her presentation: 'Sir Edward Nicholls - you can't take the boy out of Cornwall'. Jill told his story of lavish donations and gifts to hospitals, churches of every denomination, societies, clubs and individuals. Sir Edward was a true 'Good Samaritan' and no deserving case was ever passed by on the other side of the street. He offered the most generous hospitality, and his happiest hours were passed entertaining children from orphanages and joining in whole-heartedly with their games. Wherever he went, and whatever he did in any area of his life, he never failed to notify everyone that he was Cornish.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, Robyn and I put together 'The CAV Christmas Special', which featured a range of Christmas Carols and a Quiz amongst other things.

I note that at this meeting we had several friends from the Toronto Cornish Association, as well as others from Wisconsin in the United States participate with us at the meeting.

This was a great meeting.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February this year we met again on 'Zoom'.

Brian Rollason spoke about two cliff top walks he did in Cornwall. The first was Trevavis Head to Rinsey Cove (Porthleven) and the second was Godrevy Point to Hell's Mouth (Portreath). It was such an interesting talk and I recall it resulted in much discussion afterwards.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March this year, Neil Thomas shared photos of a visit to Cornwall – 'Around Cornwall'. Continuing from a previous talk, Neil showed many photos of many familiar Cornwall locations.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> April, Helen Dwyer shared her experiences of walking the Kokoda Track three years ago. Along with her friend, Lynette, also from Yarram, Helen joined sixteen other walkers from across Australia, and fifty-four porters from PNG, as they walked the ninety-six kilometres along the Kokoda Track.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May, we were able to meet at Oakleigh for a 'Show and Tell'. This was the first time we had met together since February 2020.

Twenty CAV members shared their Cornish memorabilia with the audience, and it was an unforgettable experience. We should do it again. So, thank you to our Vice President Brian Rollason for the idea.

Once again last month, we were in lockdown and could not meet physically together. Not to be outdone we had Ted Curnow, with Beryl's assistance, talk to us about 'The Four Seasons of Cornwall' on the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

It was a photographic extravaganza based on Ted and Beryl's two years living in Cornwall. Ted has such a wonderful radio voice, according to my wife who listened to Ted's talk on 'Zoom' from a nearby room at home. So well done Ted and Beryl.

All in all, despite not being able to meet face to face as often as we would have liked, we put together a decent program. We will continue to do this into the future.

I'd like to thank your Committee, which has continued to meet on 'Zoom'. This has been very successful, and we will continue to meet in this way into the future.

I foreshadow that we might have both our branches and even other areas of regional Victoria

represented officially at Committee meetings in the future.

Indeed, there is no reason why some of our regional members can't be on the Committee given 'Zoom'. I think that this is another exciting development.

As you are aware, after many years of loyal service to the CAV, June Whiffin and Rod Phillips have decided to retire from their positions on the Committee. Let me say a little bit about them both. Now other former Presidents will have something to say about June and Rod on a separate part of the Agenda today.

However, I would like to personally thank June for her tireless work as your CAV Secretary as well as Rod, our Treasurer for maintaining our finances so proficiently. Rod has been CAV Treasurer for almost thirty years and June has been CAV Secretary for almost twenty years!

What an especially significant achievement for them both and I think that deserves a round of applause. Thank You.

Let me say a little about them both.

Born in Ballarat, June Whiffin attended Dana Street State School before her family shifted to Geelong, where she attended Manifold Heights State School and Bell Park High School. Her working life began with the T&G Life Insurance Company in Melbourne with a daily commute before shifting to Melbourne. After thirty-five years with T&G, her final eight years of working were spent with the Australian Taxation Office.

June's introduction to the CAV was through her attendance at the Castlemaine St Piran's Festival in 2000 and she subsequently joined to research her Cornish family.

June became secretary in 2002 and has filled that role until today - a truly marvellous achievement. In her younger days, June participated in ballet and gymnastics and later ballroom dancing. Nowadays she enjoys reading, knitting, sewing and handcrafts. June was made a Bard in 2013 at Penryn. Her Bardic name is '*Myrghwyn Treloar*' meaning '*Treloar Grand-daughter*'.

I have to say that I got to know June quite a bit during the lockdown period in 2020. We would ring each other once a week just to see how we were doing.

I want to thank June personally for her support to me over the last two years of my presidency, especially regarding the transfer of the Library to Castlemaine.

I want to also thank her for her tireless work in general for the CAV in the past twenty years and I'd

like to also to wish her well in the future.

Born and educated in Melbourne, Rod Phillips studied accounting (Diploma of Business) and then completed a BA at the University of Melbourne. He has worked in various finance positions in the mining, engineering, pharmaceutical and IT industries, mainly in Melbourne but with spells in NSW and Northern Queensland.

His parents Bill and Gwen Phillips both had Cornish ancestors, and both had an interest in their family histories, which led them to explore their Cornish heritage and to learn more about Cornwall.

As a result, their son Rod joined the CAV in 1992 and almost immediately was appointed Treasurer, a position he held until today.

Rod enjoys travelling to new places and has found the time to make several visits to Cornwall and to thoroughly explore it.

He was made a Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh in 2009 at Saltash and his Bardic name is '*Tresoryer*' unsurprisingly meaning '*Treasurer*'.

I recall Rod's advice regarding the library, indicating that a reduction in rent would stand the Association in good stead long into the future. Rod was right.

I want to thank Rod for his work on your behalf and wish him well in the future.

As I said more will be said about June and Rod after the formal proceedings of the AGM.

I want to also personally thank Brian Rollason as your industrious Vice President. Brian and I regularly communicate about a range of issues facing the Association and I am grateful for his ideas and his support. I also appreciate his leadership skills and I believe he will make a terrific President when his time comes to lead us.

Evelyn Jones, as most of you know, does an amazing job, as your Welfare Officer and I want to personally thank her. Anyone receiving a card or get-well messages will know of the beautiful photographs of Cornwall that accompany them. The last two years have been especially busy for Evelyn, and I want to publicly acknowledge her role. I say on your behalf: well-done Evelyn.

I'd like to pay tribute to long serving Committee member Beryl Curnow who has been like a very wise elder for the Committee and such a support to me. Thanks Beryl.

Our Newsletter is the great strength of our association. I want to thank Robyn Coates for producing this much-appreciated foundation of our organisation. Robyn is recovering from knee surgery

but should be back at training in a few more weeks. I note that so many stories in our Newsletter are regularly published in other Cornish Association's newsletters around the world. Well-done Robyn. Another aspect of communication is our CAV website, which is maintained so well by your Webmaster Arthur Coates.

I thank him for his support to me with all things technical. The improvements in the way we communicate are down to Arthur, so a personal thank you to you. Arthur has foreshadowed passing on his experience in the technology to others so that our IT knowledge is not confined to just one person. If several of us are taught by Arthur how to work the IT, this can only stand us in good stead in the future. More about that later.

Finally, I want to say a big thank-you to Neil Thomas as your Immediate Past President. Neil and I share support for a certain football team down his way that demolished Freo on Thursday night and sit on top of the ladder as we speak. Go Cats! But I value Neil's advice and support, especially when things get tough.

I'm pleased that our CAV Branches in Geelong and Ballarat continue to run so very effectively. Thank you to all Branch office holders. Thanks also to Leanne and Rob Lloyd who maintain the Bendigo Cornish Interest group as well. Now I have no doubt that 2021 will be a different year.

I have sought the counsel of my colleagues and friends in the CAV and I have decided that I will put my name forward seeking election as President for another year. This has been a difficult decision, not just for me, but also for my family. I believe that, on balance, the Cornish Association of Victoria needs continuity right now and I have agreed to be your President for a further twelve months with your support.

Under our rules, specifically Rule 52, Clause 5: "*... the term of office any President so elected shall be limited to two (2) consecutive years (or until a successor has been duly elected).*"

It is on this basis that I seek your support for a further twelve months. There is much to be done.

Finally, I wish the new Committee and its executive every success for the 2021-2022 period. I believe that it's an exciting time for the Cornish Association of Victoria as we move into a new COVID-normal era, making use of technology to enhance our objectives.

I'm hoping to see you all on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

'Oll an Gwella'

Ken Peak  
President  
Cornish Association of Victoria

### CAV Treasurer

As you will now be aware, we have a vacancy at this stage for the position of CAV Treasurer. If you have a penchant for keeping track of money (or are good at spending it), please contact me for more information:

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### CAV Information Technology Group

At the CAV Annual General Meeting, I foreshadowed the establishment of a group of interested members to assist the Association with our IT. At the moment our IT knowledge is held by one person, our Webmaster Arthur Coates. Using 'Zoom' at the same time as we meet at Oakleigh can only be successful if more than one person understands how the technology works. If Arthur is away, then we cannot use the technology – it's as simple as that. Arthur and I want to spread the understandings of how our IT works including how the website works. If we can get four or five members together at Oakleigh, then Arthur can begin the process of explaining how things work. All you will need to do is to be able to work on a computer; no special skills in IT are required. Please contact either Ken or Arthur if you are interested.

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Once we get a small group I will call a meeting, perhaps before our monthly meetings at Oakleigh.

Ken Peak, CAV President

### CAV Committee 2021-2022

Ken Peak	President
Brian Rollason	Vice President & Secretary
Neil Thomas	Past President
Jill Beard	
Robyn Coates	
Beryl Curnow	
Ron Hawken	
Evelyn Jones	
Helen Morgan	

**Vale - Stephen Oswald Amos**  
13.04.1940 - 20.06.2021



Stephen Amos was born in Melbourne, though his family was descended from the Tretheweys from St Dennis who had emigrated to Australia in 1864.

As a youngster, Stephen attended Mont Albert State School and Melbourne High School and completed a Commerce Degree at the University of Melbourne. He worked as an accountant and for many years he was the auditor for the Cornish Association of Victoria.

Stephen was barded as a language bard at the Merry Maidens in 1986 and took the name *Nans Melyn* (Mill Valley) - Stephen was the first Australian to complete the language requirements for Bardship.

Stephen had an interest in Celtic languages and Celtic activities particularly Cornish and Breton and he translated the Biblical Book of Amos into Cornish.

Stephen attended many Bardic gatherings in Victoria and South Australia as well as eight ceremonies in Cornwall. He was also the leader at some of the Australian ceremonies.

A Thanksgiving Service was conducted for Stephen Amos on Friday, 2nd July 2021 at the Oakleigh Baptist Church, Hughesdale.

It was conducted by Rev Ted Curnow, long time member of the South Australian and Victorian Cornish Associations.

Messages of condolence were sent from past Grand Bard in Cornwall, Maureen Fuller, Bard Noel Carthew from the Association in South Australia, Bard Chris Dunkerley, the Committee and members of the Cornish Association of NSW (Perthi Kov, Stephen) and also from long-time family friend Dorothy Kitto in South Australia.

Bards Peter Trevorah and Janet Woolhouse also paid tribute during the funeral service.

### **Janet's Tribute to Stephen**

I first met Stephen when I joined the Cornish Association of Victoria. He had been a member since the beginning and attended very regularly.

He was an executive member and auditor for many years, and his contributions were valued. His friendly greetings were appreciated by members.

I especially valued his advice when I was President of the Association.

Over the years he spoke at meetings telling us about the history of Cornwall and the Cornish language as well as of the Celts

He contributed some of his research to the Library.

Stephen wrote and read in what is known as Unified Cornish. Since the language was re-introduced in 1904 that was version used.

Stephen corresponded with people in Cornish. Sometimes on our language nights he would read to us parts of the letters he had received for us to translate.

Past Grand Bard Pawley White, also wrote to me in Unified Cornish. Stephen was able to help me with translations of the parts of his letters that were in Cornish.

By the time I was learning the Cornish language with Peter Trevorah, the translation known as Kemmyn (Common) Cornish had been introduced. Stephen organised for me to have a Unified dictionary which had a larger vocabulary. He explained to me the differences in the translations.

It is a help to me to use both dictionaries when thinking and reading Cornish.

I was happy to return the Unified dictionary to Stephen when he lost his copy moving from his home.

Stephen was a thoughtful and generous friend. We saw each other at Cornish gatherings our CAV meetings and on language nights.

He would come early and we would talk together until the others arrived.

He was very knowledgeable and proud of his Celtic heritage which was apparent in conversation with him.

Stephen travelled around Australia and overseas researching his family roots and visiting friends he had made.

We attended many Cornish gatherings in Australia and in Cornwall. He took me to some of these in Victoria so I did not have to drive myself.

At Christmas time he would invite me to his home at Doncaster and provide mince pies for our afternoon tea which we both enjoyed,

He came to my 80th birthday party some years ago and we were able to acknowledge his 80th birthday last year at a language night at my home.

I visited him in the nursing homes and but recently could only keep in touch by phone.

When he finished a conversation he would say "Well Janet. I'll let you go now"

So now Stephen I let you go, with thanks for your friendship over many years and I extend my sincere sympathy to your family.

Thanks to Janet Woolhouse and Ted Curnow for this information.

## Memories of a Pendeen boyhood friend, Hartley May by Ralph Thomas.

Hartley May was a Pendeen boy through and through. He was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1942 in Carn View Terrace, and attended Pendeen Boys and Girls School.



Back Row—Ralph Thomas—5th from left  
Middle Row—Hartley May—5th from left  
1949 Pendeen

Hartley was much involved in village life with such things as the Church Choir, the Pendeen Pantomime and Youth Club.

He had a good number of local mates who spent time enjoying the village life and getting up to all sorts of pranks.

We grew up in an age of few motor cars making it safe for kids playing in the back lanes with our “Buggies”, tricycles and bikes.

We all had our dogs, Hartley’s Greyhound Spinner, Nicholas’s Greyhound Nell, and my Terrier cross Sandy. We spent countless hours running around the Downs making camps in the old mine workings, playing miners and Cowboys and Indians.

We played games that suited the time of year, Football in winter, Cricket in the summer and flew home-made kites during the windy time of March. We used to help the local farmer bring in his cows at milking times, then take home a jug of milk. We also carried buckets of water home from the “Peth” for use in the house as the village had no mains water supply until 1956.

Hartley’s parents made and sold ice-cream from their house in Carn View, which helped Hartley’s popularity with his mates. In fact, his Father Harry was the local ice-cream man, with his motor bike and sidecar.

Life was good in the days growing up in Pendeen sharing it with friends such as Hartley and others like him. How did we manage without iPads?

Leaving school, Hartley went to work at Geevor Mine in the tin floors, and later worked at an

engineering factory in Newlyn.

Hartley married Zennor girl, Daisy Cox at Pendeen Church on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 1965.

Four boys, Hartley, Terry Trembath, Nicholas Wallace and I grew up together; all lived in the same Terrace and eventually all four emigrated to Australia. Two ended up as Presidents of Cornish Associations and the other two as members.

In 2005, a reunion of all four was planned, to be held at the Kernewek Lowender in South Australia. Unfortunately, Nick Wallace was unable to attend, but the other three met up for the first time in over 40 years.



Hartley and I continued to meet up many times at future Festivals in South Australia and I visited him and Daisy at their home in Wandin, Victoria, on several occasions. Hartley and Daisy also returned to Western Australia with us on the long trek across the Nullarbor in our caravans, after one of the Kernewek Lowenders.

On another occasion, Hartley and I, along with Terry Johnston from South Australia, entertained as ‘The Three Janners’, singing Cornish songs at the ‘Meet the Cornish’ event in the Wallaroo Town Hall.

Hartley is sure to be a big loss to the Victorian Cornish Association, as his Cornish knowledge was called upon on many occasions.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my deepest sympathy to Daisy and her family.

Ralph Thomas,  
Map Pendyn - Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd,



## Library Transfer—thanks from Ken

Thanks to all of you for your support in the successful transfer of the CAV Library to the Castlemaine Historical Society.

We have finally done it!

Give yourselves a big pat on the back.

There was a time when I thought it was never going to happen but it did.

I was thinking about it the other day and I know that Bill Phillips was very proud of the Library and did much to set it up and keep it going.

Whilst he wouldn't be happy about not having the Library at Oakleigh, I know he would approve of where it went and the way it's going to be looked after.

We certainly owed that much to those who came before us. A great job!

I want to thank Moira Drew June Whiffin, Ted and Beryl Curnow and Brian Rollason for their organisation of the Library in order to prepare it for transfer. It wouldn't have happened without you guys. Finally thanks you to those who helped at Oakleigh to load the van – many hands made light work:

June Whiffin

Beryl and Ted Curnow

John Mitchell

Derek Trewarne

Brian Rollason

Max Procter

Evelyn and Clive Jones

Rod Phillips



A full report can be found here.

<https://timesnewsgroup.com.au/bendigotimes/news/cornish-collection-comes-to-castlemaine/?fbclid=IwAR1JEaNLQD5qHfdxmeCJRSAuzfFSv2lhQAuzohWbV7FbVcK-AGMt89pM2hw>

## A Celebratory May Meeting

What a wonderful day for our first meeting together in person, since March last year, with spontaneous warm greetings and catch up.

A number of folk arrived around 12 midday and enjoyed lunching together with their own Covid safe BYO lunch.

Marcus Curnow arrived and joined us as he delivered the pre ordered “chubby” and inviting Cornish pasties for members (*who earlier that week had ordered them to be picked up*).

This then reminded folk they had forgotten to put in their order and were looking for spares. There was so much fun and banter together.



By meeting time at 1.30 pm

thirty members and one visitor were seated ready for our ‘Show and Tell -Come on Down’ meeting. This theme was the “brainchild” of our Cornish born vice-President Brian Rollason.

Thank you Brian.

Our President Ken Peak, warmly welcomed us all with his “Dohajydh da” Cornish greeting (good afternoon) to all and said how great to have so many back on what was Melbourne’s coldest day for this year and our first in person since March 2020. Then with Lauris on the piano we “hailed the homeland” in strong voice to commence proceedings.

Ken gave an overview and thanks to all those who helped in the pack and transfer of the CAV Library to the Castlemaine Historical Society earlier that week. This was followed by many interesting and newsy items from Cornwall Ken had prepared for us.

Then it was into the “**Show and Tell Come on Down**” theme. With rustles of bags and goodies 18 members took turns to share. Briefly listed are objects etc that were shown.

**Brian Rollason** displayed four impressive Cornish paintings/prints, beautifully framed each significant from his birthplace area around Falmouth.

**Ken Peak** talked of his relatives John Peak & Sons who owned a Picture Framing shop in Penance.



He showed a framed picture Penny McGuire-White had bought in Penang and had given Ken as a memento as it that had written on the back framed by John Peak and Sons, Penzance.

**Evelyn Jones** showed a small souvenir bear "I love Cornwall" and some pics of Charleston Harbour near St Austell with a brief overview of same.

**Beth Coote** showed pics by Stanhope Forbes and also a pic of the Tolvern Stone at Gweek seven ft six ins high with a hole in the middle with belief that if you passed a sick child through the hole they would get better!

**Ray Nicholas** showed a delightful little model of a pilot gig boat made with Cornish elm, noting gig racing very popular in Cornwall with 13 clubs on the Scilly Isles and some competing in international events.

**Penny McGuire-White** spoke from her father's book on Madron Well and its healing properties -- used also as a baptistry.



**Val Goldsworthy** showed a little illustrated book, bought in Cornwall and found it had been printed in Australia by author Oswald Pryor. She shared a classic Pryor cartoon pic. and caption that brought a smile.

**Janine Halls** displayed a very large aged and well-worn frail Family Bible that linked back to her earlier family with one page of handwritten birth, deaths and marriages listed from 1779 to July 1877. Her mother had received the Bible from earlier family, listing mainly the Shrugg side of the family.



**Lindsay Chapman** passed around a boxed medal memento from Pete Goss, for the support he had given representing the CAV on the organising committee for the 'Spirit of Mystery' visit to Melbourne in March 2010 celebrating 150 years since the original miraculous and historic visit in 1854 of the Mystery with seven men from Newlyn to Williamstown, Victoria. He also displayed some jewellery from the South

Crofty Mine,

**Frances Von Kalm** showed two lovely copper etched plates, one with a Pisky, another with Long Ships Lighthouse and also a ceramic one with a painted lifeboat.

**Helen Morgan** showed a Cornish Mug with 'Poldark-Handsome' marked on it. Also brought home a Cornish Tea tin from Cornwall marked "Smugglers Brew Blend" full of tea bags. Helen so impressed she ordered a box later and received ?1100 tea bags which thankfully she is still enjoying!! Website if interested is [www.cornishteat.co.uk](http://www.cornishteat.co.uk),

**Peter Datson** showed a letter found in the Datson Family Bible from Elizabeth Datson (*nee Wasley*) in Baldhu, Cornwall to her second son, John Wasley Datson. Written in 1886 Peter called it, 'And she do open my Letters' and the letter had poor punctuation and spelling. However from this letter he was able to trace his family members from across the world.

**Max Procter** showed a pic of his GG Grandfather Nankervis, from Quay St, St Ives. originally from the Pendeen, St Just area in Cornwall and who had a ham and bacon factory at Gold Square, Bendigo.

**Felicity Sigmont** showed a souvenir of the Shoalhaven Lighthouse made of Serpentine and mentioned there were some toxic minerals in Cornwall of which one needed to be aware.

**Janet Woolhouse** Displayed a beautiful and colourful icon written by her brother in law Rev Rob Gallagher for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Lyn Roberts** showed a family watch that came from Cornwall. GG grandfather came from Cornwall in 1853. His younger son and brother came out in 1856 and his own wife and family came out from 1860 onwards.



**Ted and Beryl Curnow** displayed a Cornish Flora Day Dance programme poster, a lighted Engine house lamp from Cripplease and a replica brass and copper Davey Miner lamp with brief history and significance of the Miner's lamp.

A highlight to conclude the day was a beautifully framed picture of the Wheal Prosper Engine House that Brian Rollason had generously donated following his talk on Cornwall at a previous meeting. This went to one our newest members Helen

Morgan who was so excited to receive it. Thank you Brian.

Members were reminded of the next meeting on 19th June – called the “The Four Seasons of Cornwall”, with Ted and Beryl Curnow.



We then enjoyed a Covid afternoon tea with a covered packet of biscuits provided and tea and coffee served.

An excellent day was concluded and really enjoyed.

Thank you to all who made it possible and to those members who braved the weather and re-joined CAV' in the flesh again'.

So good to see you all.

Beryl C and Ken P

(photos Ted and Beryl Curnow)

### The Four Seasons of Cornwall

At the June meeting held via Zoom, our speaker was Ted Curnow, ably assisted by his wife, Beryl.

At the beginning of his talk, Ted paid tribute to Howard Curnow, from Cornwall, who had visited Australia on many occasions, and who died in early June

*Before we commence today, we would like bring Tribute and Pay Respect to the Late Howard Curnow, Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh - Cornish cousin and friend.*

*Howard was a remarkable Ambassador for Cornwall around the world.*

*He was responsible for a wide range of promotional projects including a number of International Curnow reunions that led us personally to the discovery of our Cornish Roots and in 2012 led 20 of our own CAV members on a very memorable tour around Cornwall.*



*We honour him today.*

Ted and Beryl had put together a wonderful PowerPoint Presentation of their time living in Cornwall and members enjoyed visiting or re-visiting many of the towns and villages through their collection of photos and commentary.

Members appreciated Ted's wonderful photography as we viewed the countryside throughout the year. The gorgeous colours of the spring flowers and the amazing pot plants and hanging baskets; the beautiful blue seas and skies through summer contrasted with the darker stormy days of winter; the autumn tones plus the bird and animal life all combined to certainly show us the four seasons.

Ted's introduction is below and if you follow the link you can watch the presentation. (Just hover your mouse over the link and press the Control button.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHHt4Qw0gwU>

*Friends grab your hat, coat, and your pyjamas because we are off on a journey to take you through the Four Seasons of Cornwall.*

*Some will know that Beryl and I had the unique experience of spending two years in Cornwall where I served the Methodist Church as a circuit minister in the towns of Hayle and then St Ives, the very area of the recent G7 world Leaders Conference.*

*It meant that unlike short-term tourists we were also exposed not only to all sorts of various experiences culturally but we were also exposed to the changing natural Seasons and to the different climate of Cornwall itself.*

*Because the length of time we spent there took us beyond the normal tourist/ holiday period, today without a lot of wordy commentary, we want to focus on sharing a range of our pictures that will capture the features of the Seasons of Cornwall.*

*We want you to marvel at the natural richness of life in Cornwall, whether in the resurgence of SPRING, the exuberance of SUMMER, the AUTUMN fulfilment or the dead of WINTER when the coldest, dullest days prepare again for the annual resurgence of another SPRING.*

*(In this respect we acknowledge the resource of "Cornwall Seasons" by Ray Phillips.)*

## William Henry Lovell and his Indenture papers

In our family we are fortunate to have a copy of our ancestor's indenture papers, dated 1831. It makes very interesting reading and gives many details of what an indentured person may and may not do in the seven years he is indentured to his masters who are teaching him their Art, in this case masonry.

'In 1563 the Statute of Apprentices stated that no one could practice a trade or craft unless they had served an apprenticeship of at least seven years. If they did set themselves up in business without this they could be fined in the local courts and prohibited from working until they had served an apprenticeship.' (1)

My ancestor was William Henry Lovell, born in Falmouth Cornwall in April 1818 to John Lovell and Ann Gutridge. He was apprenticed to Jacob and Thomas Olver who built the lighthouse at Trevoze Head on the north Cornish Coast in 1847. (2)

Jacob Olver was the Mayor of Falmouth for two terms; 1859–1861 and from 1868. (3)

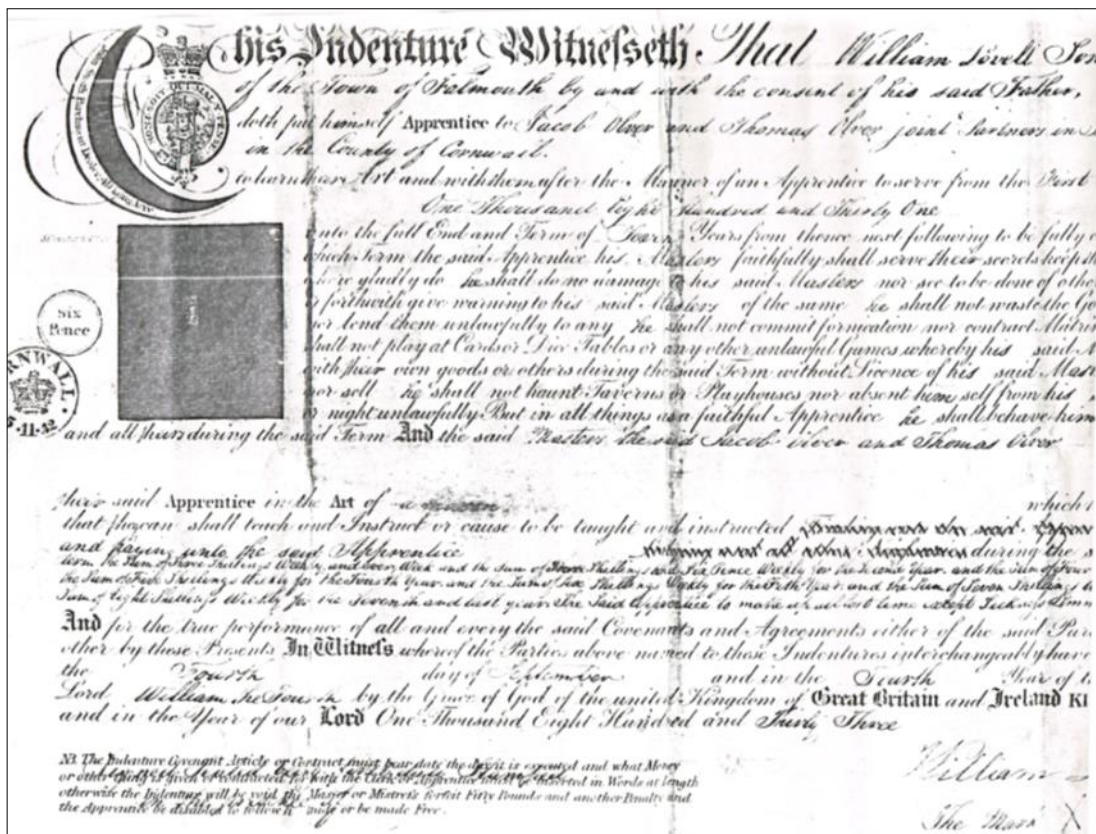
William completed his apprenticeship and in the 1841 and 1851 Censuses, he is listed as a Mason. In April 1840, William married Charlotte Ann Mitchell at Mylor. They had five children in Cornwall before William

departed for Australia, arriving in Ballarat sometime in the 1850s.

In 1860, his wife and family arrived on the *Swiftsure*, and several years later, another child was born in Ballarat.

His work included the Eglinton Hotel in Main Road, Ballarat East, built for Martin Gleeson. (4) William's brother, George Mills Lovell was also a stone mason, as was a nephew Charles Lovell Noye. (5)

*This Indenture witnesseth that William Lovell, son of John Lovell of the Town of Falmouth by and with the consent of his said Father, Doth put himself Apprentice to Jacob Olver and Thomas Olver, joint partners in trade in the Parish of Budock, in the County of Cornwall to learn their Art and with them after the manner of an Apprentice to serve from the first day of March, One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty one, unto the full End and Term of seven years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended, During which the said Apprentice His Master faithfully shall serve, their secrets keep, their lawful commands everywhere gladly do, he shall do no damage to his said Masters nor see to be done to others, but to his power shall tell forthwith give warning to his said masters of the same.*



*He shall not waste the goods of his said masters nor lend them unlawfully to any, he shall not commit fornication, nor contract matrimony within the said term.*

*He shall not play at cards or dice tables, or any unlawful games, whereby his said Masters may have any loss, with his own goods or others, during the said Term, without license of his Masters.*

*He shall neither buy nor sell, he shall not haunt Taverns or Playhouses, nor absent himself from his said Master's service day or night unlawfully. But in all things as faithful apprentice He shall behave himself towards his said Masters and all theirs during the said term and the said Masters, the said Jacob Olver and Thomas Olver, their said Apprentice in the Art of a mason.*

*That they can shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed and paying unto the said Apprentice ... term, the sum of three shillings weekly, and every week.*

*And for the true performance of all and every the said Covenants and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the other by these presents.*

*In Witness whereas the parties named above named to these Indentures interchangeably have the Fourth day of September and in the Fourth year of the lord William, the Fourth, by the grace of God in the united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three.*

(It took me quite some time to transcribe this indenture but I had help from articles found online which were very helpful. However there are still mistakes and words I cannot understand.)

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## New Housing Development in Charters Towers (from Leanne and Rob Lloyd on holidays)

Set in beautiful rolling grounds of 200 acres, Mosman Hall was once a large psychiatric hospital built on the outskirts of the town.

Opened in 1954, the wards and administrative buildings were soundly built using materials and designs so reminiscent of the era that a visitor can step back in time.

In redeveloping the existing buildings every effort has been made to retain as much of the original structure and materials that current techniques allow, resulting in apartments with high ceilings, quirky designs and beautiful wooden floors.

### Why Kernow?

Kernow is the Cornish word for Cornwall, the duchy in the south west of England well known for its history of mining.

Charters Towers was well represented by the Cornish during the gold rush, and their influence in the techniques and equipment used in the mining process was fundamental to its success. The name of Charters Towers is popularly believed to originate partly from the Cornish word "tors" which described the rocky outcrops seen in the region.

Being a Cornishman, the developer is keen to celebrate the role his forebears played in the city's development and hopes to create an experience to be enjoyed by all, Cornish or otherwise!

### John Knill

Reading the 2021 Summer edition of *This England* Magazine, I came across an article about a festival held in St Ives every five years, on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

The festival is known as Knillian after John Knill, one time Mayor of St Ives who was responsible for building the town's first pier during his time in office.

John Knill was born in 1733 at Callington in Cornwall.

He was the Collector of Customs at St Ives from 1762 to 1782 and reputedly a successful smuggler. He later was an Inspector of Jamaican Ports.

He built a 15 metre high granite obelisk on Worvas Hill overlooking Carbis Bay.

Supposedly it was to be his own mausoleum with the intention that he should be buried in a vault



within it, but his body was interred in St Andrew's Church, Holborn, London in 1811 following his death.

The monument bears on one side the painted coat of arms of Knill, with the Latin *Nil Desperandum* (Never Despair); also inscribed on the monument are the words of Johannes Knill 1782, *Resurgam* (I shall arise), and, in English, I know that my Redeemer liveth.

Some reports even suggest that the obelisk may have been a reference point for ships involved in his smuggling activities.

In his will, Knill left money, in Trust, for the upkeep of his obelisk and also £25 for celebrations to take place every five years on St James Day, 25th July.

The ceremony begins outside the Guildhall in St Ives. Three key bearers open the original deed box with its three brass locks. Purses of money are handed out equivalent to the amounts specified in his will detailed below.

He directed that every five years £10 should be expended on a dinner, and that ten young girls dressed in white should walk in procession with music, from the market house to the monument, around which the whole party was to dance singing Old One Hundredth.  
(*All people that on earth do dwell*).

The money was to be spent as follows:-

- £10 for a dinner for the Trustees, who are the Mayor, Vicar, and Customs Officer, and two guests each. This to take place at the George and Dragon Inn, Market Place, St Ives.
- 10 shillings to ten young girls who had to be the daughters of either fishermen, tanners, or seamen.
- £1 to the fiddler to play the Furry Dance.
- £1 to two widows of fishermen, tanners, or seamen.
- £5 to the man and wife, widower or widow who shall raise the greatest family of legitimate children who have reached the age of ten years.
- £1 for white ribbons
- £1 to be set aside for a vellum book for the Clerk to the Trustees to record the proceedings.

John Knill Photo:

[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7a/John\\_Knill.jpg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7a/John_Knill.jpg)

## NEWS FROM OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

### Ballarat Branch

Report from the Chair to CAV AGM 2021

I would like to coin a term to describe the year "covidormant" !

Since COVID restrictions began in March last year we have had one physical meeting for our group and one "Zoom" meeting.

We abandoned AGM 2020 and did what was necessary with a reduced committee of Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer handling necessary business.

COVID restrictions meant we have had to defer our 2021 AGM and recall it for 07 AUG 21 at 1400 in the Skipton St Hall, prior to our regular meeting. In this calendar year, the committee has become more active in the Digital sense and we have benefited from the contributions of the e-technically gifted.

Thank you.

Ian (Jennings) has decided that his long and valued contribution as Treasurer is coming to its end and we wish to thank him for all that he has done. Age and health continue to be issues for our members, fortunately no COVID!

We become more aware that we live in an uncertain world.

May God keep you  
Keith (Lanyon)

### Geelong

It is with pleasure that once again I present this annual report of the Geelong Branch of the CAV. It was an unprecedented year with our branch affected by the world wide COVID pandemic. The pandemic caused us to cancel three of our bi-monthly meetings.

However, after the long break we enjoyed our November meeting together outside the Edina Waterfront Cafe at Portarlington.

The venue overlooks the bay and the weather was ideal. A most enjoyable day of fellowship was had especially with several of our past members being able to attend.

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions at our normal church venue, our January meeting was held at the Portarlington Golf Club.

We had a room to ourselves enabling us to commence the meeting with the singing of

Trelawny.

That is the first time in a long while that we were able to sing that song.

Once again a very pleasant afternoon was had by current and past members.

Our March meeting was held at the Portarlington Golf Club and once again a very pleasant afternoon was had by current and past members.

For our branch to operate in the successful manner that it does, I would like to express my appreciation of all members and especially Ruth Taylor for her work as Secretary, Bill Martin as Treasurer and Nola Thomas for her work as Meeting Hostess.

Neil Thomas Geelong Branch Chairman.

### Chance connection through 1853 Petition

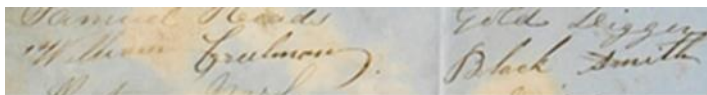
This story is quite convoluted and incredible!!

I was working on the 1853 Goldfields Petition, researching names and biographies, so that they could be placed into the Eureka Wiki.

Some were extremely hard to decipher.

What was transcribed as 'CRULMONY' was indeed the name 'CREELMAN'.

Gael was amongst those who kindly helped to decipher names.



She contacted me, as her family had resided in early Ballarat, believing that I was still in Ballarat.

It turns out that we both live in Brisbane so we met up for coffee.

It eventuated, through our chats, that we had common interests, and common Cornish ancestors.

Born in St Just In Penwith, Poldark country, the names of Warren or Wearne, Grenfield or Grenfell and Robyns seemed to pop up again and again throughout our families.

My ancestors who emigrated to Australia were first cousins Peter Ellis (1816-1884) and Nancy Robyns (1821-1875).

Peter's father was Thomas Ellis (brother of Ann Ellis who married Thomas Robyns).

His mother was Mary Davey.

His grandparents were John Ellis and Elizabeth Penrose.

Mary Davey's parents were Michael Davey and Margaret Wearne.

Nancy Robyns (1821-1875) grandparents were Nicholas Robyns and Mary White, my 5 x great grandparents.

Then William Robyns and Elizabeth Warren, Elizabeth's parents being Nicholas Warren and Elizabeth Rowling.

Nicholas Warren's father was Thomas Warren who was married to Alice Edwards, and his parents were Nicholas Warren and Alice Greenfield.

Gael's forebears were Lowdy or Loveday Harrys who was married to Thomas Grenfield (1623-1687).

Their son, Thomas Grenfell (1654-1708) was the father of Thomas Grenfield (1679-1725) and Jane Grenfield (1687-1760) and others.

The 1679 Thomas was her father's 7th great grandfather and his sister, Jane (1687-1760) was her mother's 7th great grandmother. She is her own eighth cousin!!

Alice Grenfield (or Grinfield) is my 9th great grandparent, and she was the sister of Thomas Grenfell (1654-1708) who was the father of Thomas Grenfield (1679-1725) and Jane Grenfield (1687-1760).

The names Grenfell and Grenfield seem to be interchangeable.

Lowdy or Loveday Harrys, who married Thomas Grenfield (1623-1687) was a common ancestor, Gael's and my 10th and 9th great grandmother.

Lowdy's mother was Grace Williams (1580-1660) and her father was John Richard Harrys (also interchangeable with Harris).

We think we may also be connected through the Warren or Wearne family on another line.

We're amazed about this lineage and would love any help associated with these lines, or to know anyone else who is related.

Dot Wickham

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# CORNISH TIDBITS

## How fishing has changed in 20 years

In Cornwall the latest figures from 2019 show that there were 543 boats and 917 fishermen and the quayside value of landings was £43 million. Wales, in comparison, had 414 boats, 897 fishermen and value of £19 m while Northern Ireland had 326 boats, 822 fishermen and £57 m of fish landed. In 2000 there were 724 boats and 1141 fishermen in Cornwall which landed 12 700 tonnes of fish worth £26 m. By 2010 the number of boats stood at 646 and there were 898 fishermen, landing around 12 700 tonnes of fish worth £30 m. But by 2020 while the number of boats had decreased again the amount of fish landed was up by 43% to 18 100 and was worth £43 m.

Top 10 sales in 2000	Top 10 sales in 2019
1 – Megrim	1 – Sole
2 – Scallops	2 – Crab
3 – Monk	3 – Monks or Anglers
4 – Sole	4 – Hake
5 – Pollack	5 – Lobsters
6 – Crab	6 – Sardines
7 – Lemon	7 – Pollack
8 – Hake	8 – Haddock
9 – Lobster	9 – Megrim
10 – Turbot	10 – Cuttlefish



## Death of Howard Curnow

Ted Curnow made mention of the passing of Howard Curnow, on 9th June 2021, known to many people across Australia.

If you would like to read more of Howard's life and his immense contribution to all things Cornish throughout Cornwall and the Cornish diaspora, the links below will give you more information.

<https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/tributes-paid-howard-curnow-cornwalls-5512501>

<https://www.cornwall24.net/2021/06/perthi-cov-remember-howard-curnow/>

## Port Isaac and Holywell Bay top list of UK's most desirable places to visit

Due to shows like *Doc Martin* and *Poldark*, Cornish spots Port Isaac and Holywell Bay



are set to see an influx of British holiday makers this summer.

Statistics suggest that 56 per cent of people are visiting UK destinations after seeing them on television, and nearly a quarter enjoyed a television inspired holiday in the past year.

Port Isaac, where *Doc Martin* is filmed, ranked at the very top of the list, with Holywell Bay - between Perranporth and Newquay - coming in at third thanks to its use in the filming of the *Poldark* franchise.

It has more recently been the setting for filming of the upcoming *Game of Thrones* prequels, *House of Dragon*.

**More than 18,000** people across Cornwall and Scilly have caught Covid since the pandemic began. Parts of Falmouth, areas close to Newquay and St Austell Central are among the worst areas. The rate of infection in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly now stands at 3152 cases per 100 000 people, far lower than the England average of 7750.

## Ancient Cornish scripts brought together in exhibition

Ancient scripts of plays written in the Cornish language have been brought together for the first time in Cornwall.

The exhibition includes scripts for the Cornish Ordinalia and The Creation of the World, which are on loan from the University of Oxford's Bodleian Libraries.

The scripts from the 1400s of the Ordinalia, a trilogy of plays described by the Encyclopaedia Britannica as "the finest examples of Middle Cornish literature", was given to the Bodleian Library in 1615.

Cornish Tid Bits are sourced from the Cornwall Council, BBC Cornwall, Pirate FM News, Falmouth Packet, , CornwallLive,

**Cornish Association of Victoria Inc**

**Consolidated financial statement  
Year ended 30 April 2021**

	CAV	Ballarat Branch	Geelong Branch	Total CAV
<b>Balance at bank - opening balance 1 May 2020</b>	20,386	2,955	3,801	27,142
<b>Receipts</b>				
Subscriptions-new members	40			40
Subscriptions-renewals	4,468	682	240	5,390
Door charges	0			0
Donations with subscriptions	370			370
Donations-other	0	15	30	45
Interest	88			88
Other	0			0
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,966</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>5,933</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Rental of premises	2,400	60	32	2,492
Newsletter printing and postage	723	31		754
Insurance-public liability	62			62
Insurance-contents	48			48
Insurance-committee members and volunteer wo	84			84
RHSV insurance administration fee	81			81
Office supplies, postage, copying	331			331
Zoom subscription	231			231
Awards, flowers, death notices	162			162
Branch share of subscriptions received	180			180
Membership of RHSV	75			75
Catering	0		120	120
Advertising	60			60
Domain and web expenses	45			45
Consumer Affairs annual fee	59			59
Other	0			0
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,541</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>4,784</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,149</b>
<b>Balance at bank - closing balance 30 April 2021</b>	<b>20,811</b>	<b>3,561</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>28,291</b>
<b>Bank and cash balances</b>				
Petty cash (Secretary)	50			50
Westpac-term deposit	12,605			12,605
Westpac/CBA/Bendigo Bank-cheque a/c	8,156	3,561	3,919	15,636
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